IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:18-CV-00052-KDB-DSC

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THIS MATTER is before the Court on "Defendant's Motion to Stay Pending Ex Parte Reexamination of All Patents-In-Suit" (document #82), "Defendant's Amended Motion to Stay Pending Ex Parte Reexamination of All Patents-In-Suit" (document #83), and Plaintiff's "Motion for Leave to File Notice of Subsequently Discovered Facts" (document #91) as well as the parties' briefs and exhibits.

The Court has carefully considered the parties' arguments, the record and the authorities. Although the United States Patent and Trademark Office has granted Defendant's Request for Ex Parte Re-examination of the two patents-in-suit, it has not yet issued any office action in Defendant's favor. See Plaintiff's "Memorandum in Opposition ..." at 4 (document #84). There are also other pending claims in addition to the patent claims. For those reasons, the Court denies Defendant's Motion without prejudice to being re-filed if the USPTO issues an initial office action in its favor.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. "Defendant's Amended Motion to Stay Pending Ex Parte Reexamination of All Patents-In-Suit" (document #83) is **DENIED** without prejudice to being re-filed if the USPTO issues an initial office action in its favor. The parties are **ORDERED** to notify the Court when the USPTO issues any office action on the re-examinations and as to the results of any appeals of those actions.

2. "Defendant's Motion to Stay Pending Ex Parte Reexamination of All Patents-In-Suit" (document #82) and Plaintiff's "Motion for Leave to File Notice of Subsequently Discovered Facts" (document #91) are **DENIED AS MOOT**.

3. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to counsel for the parties, including but not limited to moving counsel, and to the Honorable Kenneth D. Bell.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: December 6, 2019

David S. Cayer

United States Magistrate Judge